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**FLYING YANKEE TO RECEIVE INTERNATIONAL AWARD**  
**HISTORICAL TRAIN BUILT WITH UNIQUE WELDING TECHNOLOGY**

Nearly 70 years after it was built, New Hampshire's historic Flying Yankee passenger train is being recognized for its construction techniques with an international award. The Flying Yankee has been selected as the first train of any type to receive the American Welding Society's (AWS) prestigious Historic Welded Structure Award for 2004.

Built by the E.G. Budd Company in Philadelphia, the Flying Yankee's engineers and builders introduced Shot Welding to the manufacturing industry when they fabricated the stainless steel used in constructing the three-car, diesel-electric passenger train. This unique Shot Welding technology not only revolutionized the manufacturing industry in 1935, but it's still in use today. The AWS award honors structures that are at least 35 years old and have had a significant impact on history. Previous recipients have included the St. Louis Arch, the Hoover Dam, the USS Intrepid aircraft carrier and the USS Nautilus submarine.

The formal presentation of this year's Historic Welded Structure Award will take place on Friday, October 8, 2004 at 1:00 pm at the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) headquarters (J.O. Morton Building) at 7 Hazen Drive in Concord. NHDOT Commissioner Carol Murray will accept the award on behalf of the train's owner, the State of New Hampshire.

A follow-up public presentation and celebration of the award will take place on Saturday, October 9 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Claremont Concord Railroad in Claremont, New Hampshire. This event will include free guided tours of the Flying Yankee, which has been undergoing restoration in Claremont since November 1997.

The restoration of the Flying Yankee is a unique partnership between the State of New Hampshire and the Flying Yankee Restoration Group, Inc. – a non-profit organization. In operation from 1935 to 1957, the Flying Yankee is one of only three articulated three-car passenger trains of its type ever built, and the only one to be restored.

For more information regarding the Flying Yankee restoration or the American Welding Society's Historic Welded Structure award, visit the Flying Yankee's website at [www.flyingyankee.com](http://www.flyingyankee.com) or the AWS's official website at [www.aws.org](http://www.aws.org).